

Unit 4. Kokwok River Corridor

Background

Land Status. Ekwok Natives Ltd. owns most of the land on the lower portion of the unit, the state owns most of the upper portion of the river, and Aleknagik Natives Ltd. owns the land around Okstukuk Lake. The Kokwok River and Okstukuk Lake are navigable; the state owns the shorelands. Eleven Native allotments are in the unit.

Miles of River. The main channel of the Kokwok River extends for 55 miles.

Access. The corridor is moderately accessible by motorboat and floatplane and easily accessible by snowmobile. The unit is near a major airport in Dillingham.

Existing Development. Five cabins and one site which has been used for a commercial sport fishing camp are located in the unit.

Fisheries. The Kokwok provides spawning and rearing habitat for all species of salmon.

Subsistence fishing use is low because of relatively low abundance. Sport use is low. Occasional commercial fly-in day use is based out of nearby lodges.

Wildlife. Moose density is moderate; caribou density is low but has been increasing in recent years.

This unit is closed to caribou hunting. Subsistence hunting for moose is high and takes place in fall and winter. Sport hunting use is low due to expense of access, land ownership, and relatively low density of game.

Trails and Easements. The following 17(b) easements are located in this unit: EIN 14, 14a, 15, 15a, 16, and 16a. (Refer to the maps in the envelope in the back of this document for descriptions of these easements.)

Other Values. Floating use is currently low, but increasing. Most floating use is unguided and associated with hunting. Scenic values are moderate because of high landscape diversity near the river. One cultural site is documented in the unit.

Management Intent

Semi-primitive use experience.

Management Guidelines

Long-term Use (longer than 14 consecutive days at one site):

Permanent facilities	Prohibited.
Temporary facilities	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Trapping cabins	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Boat storage	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Airstrip development	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Docks: permanent	Prohibited
temporary	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Other uses	May be allowed (case-by-case).

Short-term Use (14 consecutive days or less at one site):

See Short-term Uses (generally allowed uses) in Chapter 2.

Other Guidelines Specific to this Unit

- U4.1 Long-term Uses Associated with Mineral/Oil and Gas Activity. For long-term uses associated with mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, see Chapter 2 guideline.
- U4.2 Siting Criteria. Long-term uses will be sited to minimize evidence of human use.

Public Use Sites

See Public Use Sites in Chapter 2 for management guidelines. Specific locations of sites are shown on maps in Appendix C.

Site 10 Campsite on the Kokwok River near Okstukuk Hills.

Site 11 Campsite and floatplane landing area near the outlet of Okstukuk Lake. The state owns only the shorelands in this public use site. Uplands are owned by Aleknagik Natives Ltd.

Recommendations for this Unit

None.